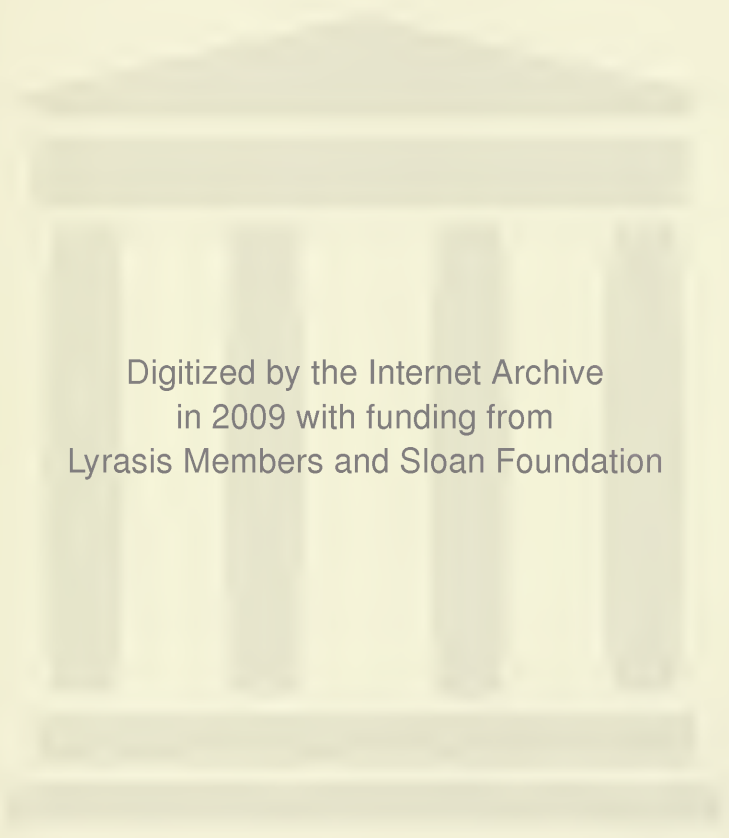


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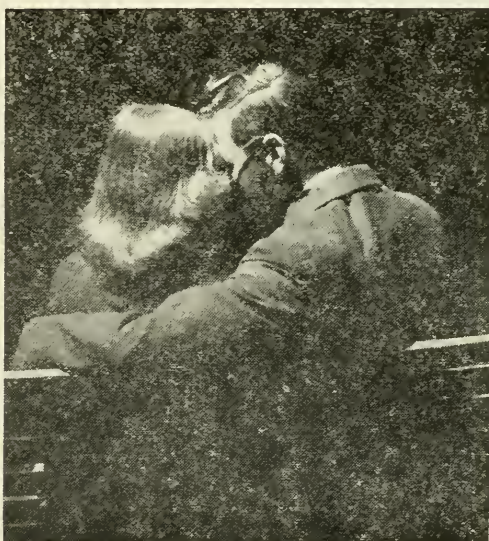
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Homecoming Day Plans Announced

Homecoming Day at the State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, will be Saturday, October 3, 1953, James K. Stoner, faculty chairman of the event, announced today.

Highlighting entertainment in the afternoon will be the gridiron clash between Coach Sam G. Smith's Big Indians and the California State Teachers College eleven on Memorial Field beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Indiana Moccasin Band directed by C. David McNaughton will perform at halftime.

Immediately preceding the football game, College organizations will conduct a "Sesqui-centennial Parade" through the Indiana community terminating at Memorial Field. The Indiana Kiwanis Club will present a trophy cup for the best float in the parade with other prizes to be awarded by the College Book Store, the Alumni Committee, and the College Student Council.

Evening amusements will include dancing in the New Student Union located in Whitmyre Hall and also in Waller Gymnasium and cards in Reception Lounge. The College Dramatics Department under the direction of Robert W. Ensley will present a dramatic performance at 7:00 p.m. in the John S. Fisher Auditorium. The Indiana Glee Club will be directed by Charles A. Davis.

Miss Ethel Waddell of Pittsburgh, president of the General Alumni Association, has announced a meeting of the Alumni Executive Council in Fisher Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. The Alumni Projects Committee will meet in John Sutton Hall Alumni Office at 9:30 a.m.

At noon there will be a buffet luncheon (by reservation) in the College Dining Room. Alumni President Waddell will preside and Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of the College, will welcome Alumni. Various Alumni and college officials will be introduced. There will be incidental music on the Hammond Organ.

Registration for Homecoming Day begins at 9:00 a.m. and will continue all day in Commuters Lounge, John Sutton Hall.

During the past 79 years, approximately 15,000 people have been graduated from the State Teachers College at Indiana, Pennsylvania. The institution has grown from a small normal school of 300 students and eight faculty members in 1875 to a degree granting teachers college with an enrolment of 1550 students and 103 faculty members in the current 1953-54 term.

Private business enterprises and the Chamber of Commerce of the Indiana community are cooperating with the College in promoting Homecoming Day. More than four thousand visitors are expected to attend the observance.

Various fraternities and sororities, and other organizations at the College will hold open house for their Alumni during the afternoon.

Alumnus Heads Board of Trustees

William M. Ruddock, Indiana attorney and life long resident of the community, has been chosen eighth president of the Board of Trustees of the State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania. He succeeds Harry F. Carson of Saltsburg, who passed away earlier this summer.

In the 78 years since the founding of the State Teachers College at Indiana in 1875 there have been seven presidents of the Board of Trustees. The first was John Sutton; the second, Silas M. Clark; the third, A. W. Wilson; fourth, Thomas Sutton; fifth, Thomas Sheehee; sixth, Wallace Chapman; seventh, Harry F. Carson.

Colonel Ruddock graduated from the College in Indiana in 1919 when the College was still a Normal School. He received his Litt.B. Degree from Grove City and his L.L.B. Law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He has been a member of the Fisher, Ruddock and Simpson Law firm since it was organized in Indiana on February 1, 1927.

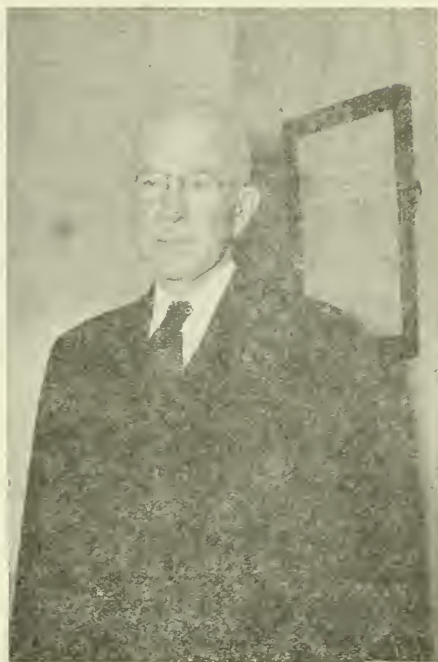
A veteran of World War I and World War II, Colonel Ruddock also served with the U. S. Army two years in Germany in the post World War II period. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate Corps.

Colonel Ruddock was a member of the 28th Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1931 on and in 1941 entered the regular military service along with the 28th Division.

During a portion of his years in the Army in World War II, Colonel Ruddock served in the Pacific War Theater as the assistant to the Theater Judge Advocate on General MacArthur's staff.

Colonel Ruddock has been a member of the Board of Trustees at Indiana State Teachers College since May, 1939. During the earlier part of his career he taught mathematics and coached basketball at Indiana High School.

The attorney-educator resides with his wife and two sons at Water and Seventh Streets, Indiana. The elder Ruddock son, William Parker, is a graduate of Grove City College and the University of Pittsburgh and is entering the legal profession. The younger son, Donn, graduated in 1953 from Indiana High School and is entering Grove City College this fall.



Academic Freedom Deserves Support

by
Arthur F. Nicholson

At a time when social organizations are in state of flux and society itself is in a confused and disorganized condition, the conservative forces which repel unnecessary haste in making changes and issue challenges to new ideas and new modes of doing things are invaluable in the preservation of the social structure and organization. These conservative forces need to be cherished, nurtured, and used.

One of the most valuable of these invaluable conserving forces is the tradition of academic freedom in American colleges and universities. There is a widespread belief among many different types of people that wild ideas of social change and disruption find their origin in the ivy towers, libraries, and secluded walls of college and university campuses.

While it is very true that many important social changes, some of them fairly wild, of the past 1,000 years have been conceived, developed, discussed and tested in the colleges and universities of western civilization, it is equally true that the tradition of academic freedom which promotes freedom of the mind and discussion has enabled older, wiser heads to discuss the results of searches for truth and to point out the possible defects of new ideas or of unwarranted surges for change.

The conserving influence of academic discussion issues challenges to the new ideas and to the expressed desires for change which impel those with the ideas to answer. In the process of answering the challenges issued in these academic discussions, those who hold the beliefs which propose changes in social structure and courses of action must defend them before the searching, critically objective scrutiny of those who hold differing opinions. Fallacies are seldom overlooked and the likelihood of being found false is a greatly restraining influence upon any man who has an idea to promote.

It also goes without saying that very frequently from the research, thinking, meditation of people whose privilege it is to think and to search for the truth objectively, there do come many sound ideas and suggestions for changes in social organization and structure.

When there is freedom to discuss these thoughts about change and to allow the conserving forces to challenge these ideas which are innovations from the minds of men, there is little likelihood that an idea which is basically false will obtain wide acceptance in the academic world or with the masses of people.

Further it is true that a good idea which is new and finds expression through academic freedom and meets the challenges of conserving forces and still retains the ring of basic truth is likely to be an idea which will obtain gradual acceptance and will overcome obstacles of doubt and disbelief along the way.

The point is that academic freedom permits discussions and continuous challenges of new ideas which come from the minds of idea men. This freedom for the discussion of the results of thoughts and study is one of society's greatest conserving forces and protections against radical and sudden change.

Because it is true that sometimes academic freedom is used to express ideas which may in the light of cross examination be found to be basically false and unacceptable is no reason to assume that the policy of academic freedom leads to license or that those people who are engaged in using this freedom are agents of some subversive organization or sinister influence which means to up-set the traditional structure of society.

Whenever there is provision for freedom of discussion in the academic community, there are always challenging forces which halt the progress of an idea which is basically untrue. This restraint is a fine conserving influence and a great contribution to social stability.

Society has no need to fear that those who possess and use cherished academic freedom will permit those within their own community who express false doctrines to go unchallenged. Admittedly there are always in any community, including the academic community, some naive persons who will swallow hook, line, and sinker any idea which sounds fresh and novel.

But it is even more true that these bird brains are very few in number and that the entire spirit of the academic community encouraged by a long tradition of academic freedom immediately tests and challenges the expression of any idea or alleged truth. It is this testing process which is so much encouraged by academic freedom. Those within the academic community will safeguard society from those who are mistaken in their ideas or who for one reason or another pervertedly use their academic freedom.

In recent years there has been much discussion in the lay public about academic freedom and the wisdom of permitting freedom to search for the truth and to discuss or to write about the results of search for the truth.

Understandably, anxious people in a confused and changing world might wonder and even seriously doubt whether or not this policy of academic freedom should be permitted to continue. This doubt becomes especially pronounced when it becomes noticeable through some highly publicized instances that there are occasional violators of the right of academic freedom.

There never was a right which men have acquired through social usage and consent that some people have not abused. However, it does not follow that because there are occasional violations of a right, the right should be abolished, or limited in any degree.

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It is extremely important for any society to keep the doorway open for men in search of knowledge and truth to discuss freely the results of their search for truth. If this right were to be denied because of some temporary danger to the social structure from a few possible violators, one of the most important and potent sources of progress would dry up immediately. Therefore it is well worth the risk of an occasional violation for society to permit and further extend this traditional conserving force of academic freedom.

It seems to me that it is especially significant to notice that the tradition of academic freedom is challenged most when society is in a period of stress. Yet in a period of stress, society most needs men who have the freedom to learn, to understand, and further who use the freedom to speak out and write out about their learnings and understandings, even though some of this information may be at times unpleasant or distasteful to the large majority of us.

Further it follows that when men are no longer free to state the results of their learning and understanding even when occasionally the ideas achieved disagree with authority or dissent from orthodox beliefs, a great conserving force in society has been lost. Repression of an idea does not disprove it. The only way to handle ideas is to permit them to be expressed and to expose them to the objective challenges of thinking men who themselves represent many diverse points of views.

Wherever we are, it seems to me, it is the privilege, duty, and responsibility of all educated persons to insist that the academic community continue in the right to unhampered freedom of discussion, research, understanding, and even dissent. We are also obligated to insist that the academic community is quite competent to keep its own house clean, and to defeat those who would use their academic freedom to propagandize for doctrines which are totalitarian, who would rely on force rather than reason, and who would act on the assumption that the end justifies the means.

Who's Who - - - In Music

Editorial Note: The following two articles were written by the eminent music critic, Ralph Lewando of the Pittsburgh Press. The article about Mrs. Stephens appeared in the Press on August 16, 1953; the one on Mr. Keister on July 19, 1953.

Mary Lucille Wright Stephens—This able musician and educator is supervisor of elementary music in New Kensington schools. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wright of Johnstown, where she was born, Mrs. Stephens started music study as a child.

While in grade school she studied piano with Lucy Moses Kress of Johnstown College of Music, and later with Betty Nicely Seibert and Mrs. George Hay of Johnstown.

As a youngster Mrs. Stephens belonged to the Johnstown Juvenile and Junior Music League for 10 years. She played at recitals and entered National Federation of Music Clubs' piano contests and received top ratings.

While in high school she took part in Forensic League events as soloist and accompanist and played violin with the Johnstown Symphony led by Russell Gerhart.

After graduation from Ebensburg High School Mrs. Stephens entered Indiana (Pa.) State Teachers College. She studied piano there with Catherine Carl; violin with Pearl Reed; solfeggio and ear-training with Mary Muldowney; harmony and theory with Charles Davis; played in the orchestra led by Lawrence Stitt; sang in the choir, and in the Girl's Chorus led by Agnes Bothne.

As a senior Mrs. Stephens was chosen May Queen of Class 1949. She was a member of Pi Kappa Sigma, and Kappa Delta Pi-national scholastic educational fraternity.

She earned a master's degree (1952) at Pennsylvania State College where her teachers were Frank Gullo, Hummel Fishburn, Frances Andrews, Willa Taylor, James Dunlop and Lloyd Mitchell.

Currently, Mrs. Stephens is also choir director of First Methodist Church, New Kensington, teaches piano privately. She also acts as accompanist for soloists and choruses appearing in her town.

Mrs. Stephens is a member of New Kensington Junior Women's Club, and Jayceettes (Women's Auxiliary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.)

Her leisure interest are swimming and tennis. Her husband is John Stephens, New Kensington High School band director.

The couple lives at 2877 Leechburg Road, New Kensington.

William Howard Keister Jr.—This able young musician and educator is teacher of vocal music in Avonworth High School—grades 5-12, and director of the Musicanters Community Chorale. He is following in the footsteps of his esteemed father, W. Howard Keister, Schenley High School vocal instructor.

William Keister Jr., was born in Wilkinsburg, and attended Perry High School.

After serving two years in the U. S. Army Air Force, he enrolled at Indiana State Teachers College to major in music. He studied choral technique with Mary Muldowney, instrumental technique with Lawrence Stitt, and harmony with Charles Davis.

Following graduation Mr. Keister attended Carnegie Tech where he did some study with Oleta Benn.

Mr. Keister's major instrument is the French horn which he studied with Mario Grilli and Tibor Shik, both former Pittsburgh Symphony players.

A member of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, he recently sponsored the Western District High Schools Choral Festival when 198 student singers of 68 schools came to Ben Avon for three-day sessions. Lieut. Barry A. Drewes of West Point Glee Club was guest conductor.

As conductor of the Musicanters Choral of 50 from the North Boroughs, Mr. Keister arranges concerts for the group throughout the Pittsburgh area, and they appear at various social events.

Mr. Keister has appeared in musical comedy productions in Indiana in "Girl Crazy" and "Anything Goes."

Mrs. Keister is the former Malinda Jane Sturgeon of Apollo. She is a graduate of Indiana State Teachers College music department, and now is a music instructor at Horace Mann School in Pittsburgh.

The couple lives at 509 Wolf St., Baden.

As It Must To All

Mrs. Hildur E. Bostrom, class of 1913, died February 26, 1953, in Holden, Massachusetts, where her husband Rev. Carl O. Bostrom is pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial took place in Portland, Connecticut. In her earlier career she was a teacher in the schools of Pennsylvania and for many years had been prominent in the women's missionary work in the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Sally Littell, class of 1924, wife of Harold Littell of Chippewa Township, R. D. 1, Beaver Falls, died February 24, 1953, in the Providence Hospital, Beaver Falls, after an extended illness.

She taught in the Beaver Falls schools prior to her marriage. For many years she was active in civic and religious work.

Warren R. Maley, class of 1927, died May 28, 1953.

Valued Friend of College Passed Away

"The years that I knew Mr. Harry Foster Carson were too few. During the five years I have served as executive officer of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Carson was the President of that group. To have had the opportunity of serving under him was an opportunity which comes only rarely to an individual. Possessed of a high sense of justice and a keen wit, he was intolerant only of intolerance. His loss to both the college and to me personally is immeasurable."

—Willis E. Pratt

Harry F. Carson, 89, prominent Saltsburg citizen and president of the board of trustees of State Teachers College, Indiana, died unexpectedly June 5, 1953, at his home in Saltsburg.

Mr. Carson had been a member of the board for 14 years and had served as its president since 1947.

A retired banker, he served as cashier of the First National Bank of Saltsburg for about 30 years prior to his retirement in 1935.

He was an elder of the Saltsburg Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years.

He served as secretary of the Williamson Lodge 431, Free and Accepted Masons, Saltsburg, for more than 50 years and had been a member since 1885.

Mr. Carson was also a member of Lodge 646, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Saltsburg, for 50 years. He was also a prominent speaker and writer on the history of western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Carson married Margaret V. Martin of Saltsburg, January 3, 1889. Mrs. Carson died in 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Carson had two children, Harry F. Carson, Jr., now deceased and Mary E. Carson, Supervisor of Music of Saltsburg Joint School System.

Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church, Saltsburg, Sunday afternoon June 7, 1953, at three o'clock D.S.T. by Rev. John O. Miller, Minister of the church assisted by Rev. William Howard Ryall of Brownsville, Pennsylvania.



College Faculty Changes and News

The addition of five new permanent and two substitute faculty members completes the staff of State Teachers College, Indiana, for the 1953-'54 term.

Hired on a permanent basis are William Lafranchi, librarian; Mrs. Margaret L. Beck, teacher in the English department; Dr. Raymond L. Lee, social studies department; Miss Arlene E. Risher, business education department, and James Ernest McKinley, junior high department at Keith School.

Substitute instructors are David Robert Isenberg in the science department and Jesse A. Lubold, former Indiana Joint High School principal, in the education department and Keith School.

Resignations of two staff members have been accepted. They are Joseph K. Hall, librarian, and Dr. Edna Hays of the English department. Mr. Hall has accepted a position at State Teachers College, West Chester; Dr. Hays has retired.

Mr. Lafranchi, who succeeds Mr. Hall, has been head librarian at Clarion High School for four years. He is a graduate of State Teachers College, Clarion, and holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois.

Mrs. Beck, who succeeds Dr. Hays, has been a member of the State College High School faculty for two years. She is a graduate of Goucher College, Baltimore, and received her master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lee will fill a new position created by a curriculum change in Pennsylvania state teachers colleges. He was a professor at Stephens College in Missouri for the past seven years. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State Normal College and a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Michigan.

Miss Risher left Westminster College where she was an instructor for the past seven years. She received her bachelor's degree from Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, and her master of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. McKinley succeeds Miss Kathryn O'Toole, retired, as teacher of mathematics and Latin in Keith School Junior High. He has been a teacher at Tyrone High School for four years. He is a graduate of State Teachers College, Clarion, and received a master of education degree from Pennsylvania State College.

Four members of the faculty of State Teachers College, Indiana, have been granted semester long leaves of absence, Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president, has announced.

Dr. Pratt also announced the employment of Jesse A. Lubold, who recently retired as principal of Indiana Joint High School, as a substitute faculty member.

John E. Davis, director of student teaching and placement and Keith School, and Dr. Clinton M. File of the business education faculty, have been granted leaves for the first semester of the 1953-54 college year.

Mr. Davis is studying at the University of Pittsburgh and Dr. File at Harvard University.

Dr. Ralph E. Heiges, dean of instruction, and Dr. Joy Mahachek, head of the mathematics department and chairman of the secondary education division, have been given leaves of absence for the second semester of the coming academic year.

Dr. Heiges plans to take post-doctoral study at the University of Texas. Dr. Mahachek will make a study of secondary schools throughout the United States.

Mr. Lubold is serving during the first semester of the 1953-54 year as director of student teaching and placement and during the second semester as instructor in the education department.

Degree for Faculty Member

Mary Gruber Swarts received her doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Pittsburgh on June 10, 1953.

Mrs. Swarts has been a member of the faculty at Indiana State Teachers College as supervisory teacher in the fifth grade at Keith School for the past nine years.

She received her B.S. in Ed. degree in 1936 from Shippensburg State Teachers College and her M.Ed. degree in 1939 from the University of Pittsburgh. She has additional graduate study at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Swarts wrote her dissertation under the direction of Dr. Gerald A. Yoakam of the University of Pittsburgh on the subject of the readability of college texts. One phase of the problem investi-

gated by Mrs. Swarts concerned the question of whether college texts are too difficult for the average college student.

Former Faculty

Dr. Harold L. Camp, former education department instructor at ISTC who retired in 1951, is now living in Webster Groves, Missouri.

Mrs. Cleaves Reece, former Keith School critic teacher, has been chosen elementary supervisor for the Penn's Manor Joint School Board for the 1953-54 term.

Mrs. Reece has been elementary supervisor over four counties in West Virginia during the past several years.

Indianans Continue Degree Work

Mrs. Esther Krug, 56-year-old Spangler woman and a veteran teacher of 16 years' experience, has completed her work for a bachelor of science degree at Indiana State Teachers College and will receive her diploma at graduation exercises next spring.

Mrs. Krug has done all of her teaching with a temporary certificate but come spring she will obtain her permanent elementary teaching certificate.

In the fall of 1914, Mrs. Krug then Miss Esther Dawson, began her teaching career in a one-room grade school in Susquehanna Township with a class of 15 students.

Four years later she married Dr. Clair F. Krug and assumed a new role of housewife, later devoting all her time to her growing family.

In 1941, tragedy hit. Dr. Krug well-known chiropractor for 16 years, died unexpectedly.

Faced with all responsibility for the home and three youngsters—two still in their early teens—Mrs. Krug returned to the classroom.

Instructors were scarce in those early years of World War II. Mrs. Krug obtained an emergency teaching certificate and took over as fourth-grade teacher in Spangler.

One by one, Mrs. Krug watched her three children graduate from high school and then from college.

Orvis, 33, the oldest son, teaches English in Miami, Florida, and presently is working for his doctorate at New York University.

Vernon, 26, an English teacher in Spangler High School and a 1950 graduate of St. Francis College, Loretto, expects to earn his master degree at Penn State.

Marjorie, the wife of Harry Clawson, resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is a graduate of State Teachers College, Indiana. Last year she taught music in Lafayette, Indiana.

In 1946, Mrs. Krug considered returning to school, but only for a refresher course. But she soon decided on a higher goal.

The Spangler woman has commuted to Indiana daily during the summer months since 1946, and on Saturdays during the winters.

Sometimes she traveled by bus, but more often she made the trip with other area students.

During the past six weeks, Mrs. Krug has been gaining "practical experience" at Keith School on the campus. She will return to her fourth-grade classes this fall.

James M. Nix, class of 1934, received his master of arts and speech degree at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, this past summer.

Nix majored in theater for his degree. He is science instructor and head of dramatics at the Indiana Joint High School.

Harold Bush, class of 1948, received his master of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh on August 26, 1953.

Bush is now an instructor in the commercial department of Berlin-Brothers Valley High School.

Bernard J. Ganley, class of 1948, has received his master of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh on August 26, 1953. He is now instructor of geography and history, head baseball coach and assistant football coach at Laura Lamar High School, Homer City.

Prior to his move to Homer City, Ganley was principal and coach at Cherry Tree High School.

Esther Klugiewicz, class of 1950, was awarded her master of science in library science from the School of Library Science at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, on June 10, 1953.

Maurice M. Zacur, class of 1951, received his master of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh on August 26, 1953.

Zacur is a geography instructor at the Indiana Joint High School.

Degrees

Two Indiana alumni received advanced degrees from Ohio University on August 8, 1953. Both were awarded master of fine arts degrees.

They were Jane Elizabeth Schwartz, class of 1952, of 724 Hawthorne Street, Pittsburgh, and James Edwin Vincent, class of 1951, of 181 Frederick Street, Johnstown.

Fourteen alumni from the State Teachers College at Indiana received graduate degrees at the spring commencement exercises of the University of Pittsburgh on June 10, 1953.

The following alumni received master of education degrees. Their year of graduation from ISTC is in parenthesis after the name.

James R. Ball, B.S., Indiana, (1949), Harold W. Bitner, B.S., Indiana, (1931), Edna B. H. Devitt, B.S., Indiana, (1949), Janet A. C. Erlinger, B.S., Indiana, (1950).

Charles E. Glendenning, B.S., Indiana, (1951), Daniel M. Jones, B.S., Indiana, (1945), Mamie K. Merick, B.S., Indiana, (1947), Cecelia L. Rasdorf, B.S., Indiana, (1948), William F. Russell, B.S., Indiana, (1950).

Harry A. Snyder, Jr., B.S., Indiana, (1949), Alvin L. Turley, B.S., Indiana, (1949), Helen Waters, B.S., Indiana, (1942), James A. Wertz, B.S., Indiana, (1950).

Alfred E. Jacques, who received his Bachelor of Science in Public School Music in Indiana in 1941 and his M.Ed. from Pitt in 1948, was awarded his doctor of education degree.

Three Indiana alumni were awarded advanced degrees at the commencement exercises at Pennsylvania State College on June 4, 1953. They were Willard Frank Dominick, class of 1946, master of education in art education; Bethel Margaretta Harr, class of 1940, master of education in education; Jack E. Marley, class of 1947, master of education and doctor of education in education.

Graduates Gain New Positions

Eight Indiana graduates have been employed as new members of the faculty of the Indiana public schools for the 1953-54 college term.

Mrs. Margaret Baylor Claypool, class of 1952, will teach English in the Indiana High School; George R. Pollock, class of 1941, will serve as director of the band and instrumental music at the high school; Mrs. Velma Bowser George, class of 1951, will be assistant director of music in the Indiana elementary schools.

Dolores Jane Blackham, class of 1953; Francis H. Helm, class of 1953; Mrs. Joanne Lee Rowley, class of 1951; Mrs. Katherine H. Buchanan, class of 1937, and Elizabeth Ann Kissinger, class of 1953, will teach in the elementary grades.

Mrs. J. E. Kunkle, (Betty McMeans, class of 1927) is teaching at North Buffalo Township near Kittanning during the 1953-54 term.

Mrs. Kunkle had been a teacher in the Hudson Grade School in Johnstown for 19 years. Her husband, Dr. J. E. Kunkle, formerly of Johnstown, now is practicing in Kittanning.

Valgene Rutch, class of 1938, has been named music head of Allegheny County schools in Maryland. He will have charge of 27 music supervisors and about 16,000 students in music education.

Since his graduation from Indiana, Rutch has served as a music teacher in Rockwood, Pennsylvania, public schools where he was active as an organizer and director of the annual Somerset County Festivals. He also taught seven years in Tyrone.

During the past seven years he was chairman of the music department of the State Teachers College, Lock Haven. He assumed his new duties in Maryland in July, 1953.

He and his wife the former Alice Ellenberger of Kittanning and two children have moved to Cumberland, Maryland.

Mr. Rutch soon will complete his studies toward his doctorate in music education. He received his Master's degree from the University of Maryland.

Brady Conrath, class of 1938, has joined the staff of the American Metal Market Magazine as associate editor.

Conrath served as Lieutenant in the United States Army during World War II. Also for a number of years he was associate editor of the Indiana Evening Gazette and was affiliated with newspapers in Johnstown and Youngstown, Ohio, prior to entering the Army. Since World War II he has been with the public relations department of Westinghouse in Pittsburgh.

George R. Pollock of Spangler, class of 1941, has been elected music instructor at the Indiana Joint High School.

For the past seven years Pollock has served as music supervisor and instrumental instructor at Spangler. Prior to that he taught in Black Lick Township School at Twin Rocks, Pennsylvania.

At Indiana he will be director of the high school band and assist in other music work.

Pollock is married and is the father of three children.

During a 47 month period of service in the Army he acted as assistant director of the 194th Army Ground Force Band at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Captain James R. Koenig, class of 1942, reported for duty as assistant professor of military science and tactics at Bowling Green State University on July 2, 1953.

He is a graduate of Sagamore (Pa.) High School and the State Teachers College at Indiana, Pennsylvania. After serving in the Philippines during World War II he attended law school at George Washington University before being commissioned in the Regular Army.

For three years he was stationed in Panama and the Caribbean. He recently completed the one-year advanced course for artillery officers at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Captain Koenig is married and has two children.

First Lieutenant Andrew J. Visnovsky, class of 1949, has been awarded the commendation ribbon for service in Korea. Lieutenant Visnovsky was cited for meritorious service in the performance of his duties as brigade ground safety officer with Headquarters, 417th Engineer Aviation Brigade, 5th Air Force.

He served with the group from June 16, 1952 to April 9, 1953. The citation stated that during March, 1953, total accident costs were reduced to a new low and per capita rates were reduced to \$1 which was 78 6/10 percent lower than the previous lowest rate.

A world War II veteran with the Marines, the Windber officer was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve in 1950. He was called to active duty in August, 1951, and assigned overseas in May, 1952.

Lieutenant Visnovsky received his Master of Science degree in safety education in 1950 at New York University. At the time of his recall into the service he was a director of safety education in the public schools and was located in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The airman now is assistant professor of air science and air tactics with the Reserve Officer Training Corp at Pennsylvania State College.

He is married to the former Helen Franke of New York City. The couple have one son, James.

Pvt. Olen H. Hays, class of 1950, has been appointed to the Engineer Officers' Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Hays, whose wife, Grace, and mother, Mrs. Olen H. Hays Sr., live at 1735 Vermont, Duquesne, entered the Army in July, 1952. In civilian life he attended Duquesne High School, the University of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania State Teachers College at Indiana, where he received his bachelor of science degree.

Frank B. Hood, class of 1950, is now a member of the social studies department at Greensburg High School.

Hood had been teaching in the Elderton school when he was called to service in the United States Army. He spent 15 months of two years service in Germany as a member of the Military Police.

Second Lieutenant Howard Ralph Erickson, class of 1952, is serving in Korea with the 7th Transportation Major Port. He was recently designated the chief of the information division.

Erickson entered the Army in September, 1952, and was assigned to the Quartermaster Center at Fort Lee, Virginia. In January, 1953, he was assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he served in the office of the post quartermaster. He arrived in Korea in July, 1953.

David Lee Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward C. (Sally Bevan) Johnson, has been appointed a graduate assistant for the 1953-54 school year at New York University's Center for Safety Education.

An alumnus of State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, class of 1953, Mr. Johnson holds a bachelor of science degree in education.

During his year at NYU, he will undertake graduate studies and assist in various activities at the Center.

Kenneth Williams of Grant Township, Indiana County, class of 1953, is now a member of the faculty of the Marion Center Joint High School.

William Blehar of Nanty Glo, class of 1953, is teaching commercial subjects in the Meyersdale High School, Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

Stephen Yewcic, class of 1953, has been selected as athletic director and head coach at Green Township High School, Commodore, Pennsylvania.

Clair Stormer, class of 1953, is now teaching as a commercial education instructor in the Ebensburg-Cambria High School,

Ethelyn M. Brant, class of 1953, is teaching business education in the Somerset High School.

John Fiorina, class of 1953, is teaching in the business education department at Derry Township High School.

Don Ritchey of Portage, class of 1953, is teaching in grade six in the Bedford South Elementary School, Bedford, Pennsylvania.

Mary Paula Grafton, class of 1953, is music supervisor in the grade schools at Bedford, Pennsylvania.

Roger Guella, class of 1953, has been elected an elementary teacher in Richland Township near Johnstown.

Two Indiana State Teachers College graduates have been named to the faculty at Saltsburg Joint High School for the 1953-54 term.

They are Carmella Adornato, class of 1953, as business education instructor, and Mary Ann Mizikar, class of 1953, in the social studies and art department.

Three graduates of the class of 1953 had been selected for the July, 1953, class of the United States Naval Officers Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island. These men are Joseph James Caletti of Mt. Pleasant; Earl Wayne Friedline of Johnstown, and Wilbert Allan King of Windber.

Weddings

Mary Margaret Novick of Revloc, class of 1947, married James Albert Podrasky of Johnstown October 22, 1953.

Mrs. Podrasky is an art teacher at Springdale High School. Mr. Podrasky is a teacher in the Brackenridge school district.

Velma Bowser of Portage married James Edward George of Nanty Glo in June, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. George are both members of the class of 1951.

Mr. George is teaching at Blairsville High School during 1953-54 and Mrs. George is teaching in the Indiana elementary schools.

Agnes Fedorko, class of 1951, married Renaldo Massimino June 15, 1953. The young couple will reside in Annapolis, Maryland, where Mrs. Massimino is a music teacher in the Annapolis Junior High School. Mr. Massimino is now serving with the United States Army and is stationed in Fort Meade, Maryland.

William D. Gruver, class of 1951, married Lois Marie Ankeny of Shelocta June 20, 1953. Gruver is presently employed as music supervisor in the Ebensburg-Cambria High School.

Marianne Demchak of Portage married Jesse A. Hornyak of Portage Township, May 26, 1953. Both are graduates of the class of 1953, Mrs. Hornyak in elementary education and Hr. Hornyak in art education.

Patricia McCloskey of Johnstown, class of 1952, married Leo Donnelly of Indiana July 18, 1953.

During the 1952-53 term, Mrs. Donnelly was employed by the Johnstown school district. This fall she is teaching in the Washington, D. C. schools.

Shirley Ann Ganoe, class of 1953, married S/Sgt. Thomas A. Graham June 25, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Graham will reside at Oak Cliff, Texas, near S/Sgt. Grahams station with the United States Air Force at Duncansville, Texas.

Shirley Ann Ullom and Jules Filcik, both of the class of 1953, were married August 8, 1953, in the First Baptist Church, Washington, Pennsylvania.

Bertha Miller, class of 1953, married Samuel D. Thomas, class of 1952, on July 10, 1953. Mrs. Thomas is a teacher of home economics in the Bedford High School. Mr. Thomas was art supervisor in the Chestnut Ridge Joint School during the past school year.

Honored

Mrs. William Markert (Mabel C. Smith, class of 1912) of Ellenton, Florida, was guest of honor at a picnic supper June 23, 1953, sponsored by Ida Robertson, class of 1915.

Those attending the party assembled at Ida Robertson's home in Drexel Hill and went on to Smedley Park in that area.

Those attending the picnic included Mrs. William S. Wagner (Martha Zeigler, 1916); Mrs. Ralph L. Woerner, (Alice Viola Ottinger, 1916); Mrs. Ward B. Pearson (Opal Alabran, 1916); Mrs. J. Walter High (Sara Patsy Watson, 1924); and Mary Edna Flegall (1899).

More About Horses

On Mizpah, the beautiful estate of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Woerner, a brand-new, 205-foot structure has been built to house the thoroughbred horses. Mrs. Woerner (Alice Viola Ottinger, class of 1916 and president of the Philadelphia Unit) has added to her stable of show horses until they now number 19. Wendell Jones has become the manager-trainer and is adding to his laurels by the winnings of Mizpah. There are at least 7 of these winners. "King of Mezba," a handsome chestnut gelding with flaxen mane and tail, has perfect conformation. "Stonewall Rhapsody" driven by Mrs. Woerner won "the blue" at Ridgley Park, Maryland, August 9, 1953. "Glamorous Rose," "Sparkling Champagne," and "America's Sweetheart" are three others that have been shown at Devon and other places with outstanding success.

Such publications as "Saddle and Bridle" and "The National Horseman" have written in glowing terms about the horses of Mizpah stables.

Organizer

Kenneth C. Love, art instructor and supervisor of art in the Mt. Pleasant schools, has helped organize and teach a group of artists at Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, who held their first exhibit in Scottsdale last May 13, 1953.

The Scottsdale art group has the backing and support of R. E. Uptegraff Sr., Scottsdale manufacturer and president of the R. E. Uptegraff Manufacturing Company.

Congressman

Paul Harvey Cunningham's career comprises a distinguished record of accomplishments as an attorney and legislator.

The son of Robert Harvey and Sarah Jane (McQuaide) Cunningham, he may be remembered as a student at State Teachers College, Indiana, from which he graduated in 1911.

Thereupon, he enrolled at the University of Michigan where he was awarded the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws in 1914 and 1915, respectively. Admittance to the Michigan Bar followed immediately; and he practiced his profession in Grand Rapids and Grand Haven until 1917.

With the exception of the period of the First World War, during which he served as first lieutenant of infantry, U. S. Army, Mr. Cunningham's activities have been confined to the practice of law in Des Moines, Iowa, and to the service of that state and the nation, as a legislator.

Thus, he was a member of the law firm of Strock, Cunningham, Sloan and Herdick from 1920 to 1929, following which, he organized the firm of Cunningham and Emery. From 1933 to 1936, he was a member of the Iowa State Legislature.

In 1941, he was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives from the fifth district of Iowa, and has since been re-elected without interruption so that he is now a member of the 83rd Congress with a record of twelve years of continuous service.

Representative Cunningham was married in 1918 to Harriet French Plummer (deceased) and to Gail Fry in 1926. The father of three children, tragedy struck him during the Second World War when one of his sons Edward Plummer Cunningham, was killed in action with the U. S. Marines at Saipan on November 15, 1944.

Sabbatical Leave

Russell Y. Leech, class of 1934, is now on sabbatical leave from his position as principal of the Laura Lamar Joint High School at Homer City.

He has begun his work this semester on a doctor of education degree from Columbia University in New York City. On August 26, 1953, he received his master of education in administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

For a number of years, Leech was an instructor and coach at Indiana High School. During World War II he was an officer in the United States Naval Reserve.

Message From Overseas

A letter from Mrs. David T. Russell (Penny Stephens, class of 1952) to Dr. Pratt, president of the college at Indiana, on July 12, 1953, follows:

I have just heard the Vaughn Monroe program over the AFN station here in Germany.

What a wonderful surprise to hear it broadcast from ISTC, our songs sung and a description of the campus and county!

I wondered if you and the students realized how very far the program would reach. — So often, when in the states, I would hear the radio announcer state, "This program broadcast to our Armed Forces overseas—" etc., and never fully thought just how much that meant.

I graduated from ISTC May, 1952 — art education, and have been living for a year with my husband and now have a baby daughter in Kaiser-Slautern, Germany.

With the AFN station on the radio I always felt closer to U.S.A. But I never expected to spend a half hour on my very own campus and hear the students applauding in the Auditorium.

I guess we aren't so far away from home after all.

Sincerely,

Penny Stephens Russell

A Message to Alumni Members

Since its founding in 1875 Indiana has graduated approximately 16,000 students from its various curricula. Approximately 6,000 degrees have been granted since the Normal School became a college in 1927.

The support of these Alumni has been an important factor in the consistent growth of the college. It is of paramount importance to Indiana State Teachers College to have an alert cooperative Alumni Association with a large membership.

Over the years the Indiana State Teachers College Alumni Association has supported the college in literally hundreds of projects helping the college obtain for example such material things as a Moller Organ, sound system, television sets for the student recreation rooms and many other items which are difficult to obtain through regular state funds.

In addition Alumni have done great work in telling the Indiana story in glowing terms to the public at large and by both word and deed spreading the good reputation of this college.

Alumni Association members are eligible to receive copies of Alumni Association publications which consist of news letters and a quarterly which is in the process of being published March, June, October and December of each year.

The dues received from Alumni go to support the publication of the news bulletin and various news letters. In addition the association supports various projects for the betterment of the college from time to time.

Recently with the approval of the executive council of the Alumni Association and of the various alumni units, dues for the association have been established at

\$2.00 per year. For those who do not belong to local units this amount is payable directly to Miss Mary L. Esch, Executive Secretary, Alumni Association, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

However, members of Alumni Association units pay their \$2.00 dues to the local secretary who in turn pays to the General Alumni Association treasurer \$1.50 per member and keeps \$.50 for local unit dues.

While the sum of \$2.00 may seem small when considered individually, many members in an Association make it possible for the organization to do a great many things both as an organization and for the betterment of Indiana State Teachers College.

You will be benefiting yourself, your college, and public education in general by your membership in the Indiana State Teachers College Alumni Association.

Won't you please take time today to take out your membership for June 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954.

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